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HUGH SCOTT ON GOP PLATFORM FOREIGN POLICY
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ANNCR:

REPUBLICAN PARTY POLICY, AS REFLECTED IN THE PLATFORM
ADOPTED WEDNESDAY BY THE KANSAS CITY CONVENTION, HAS SOME THINGS
TO SAY ABOUT ASIAN POLICY THAT REPRESENT A COMPROMISE AMONG
CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINTS. VOA INQUIRED ABOUT THAT IN AN INTERVIEW
WITH A MAN WHO HELPED SHAPE THAT POLICY STATEMENT, AND HERE
IS ----- WITH THAT REPORT:

VOICE:

SENATOR HUGH SCOTT SAYS THE FOREIGN POLICY PLANK IN THIS
REPUBLICAN PLATFORM ADVOCATES NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. ON
THE WHOLE, HE TOLD VOA, IT STANDS ON THE GUAN DOCTRINE THAT
RULES OUT THE USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS ON ASIAN SOIL, IT
RECOGNIZES CONTINUING COMMITMENTS IN EUROPE, IT TAKES A
TRADITIONAL STAND ON RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA AND, ON AFRICA,
RECOGNIZES THE RIGHTS OF PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL MINORITIES AS
WELL AS THE "IDEAL SOLUTION" OF MAJORITY RULE.

TAPE: CUT ONE -- SCOTT

"I DON'T THINK THAT IT ATTEMPTS TO CUT NEW GROUND, ESSENTIALLY.
WHAT IT DOES IS TO REASSERT OUR CONVICTION FIRST, IN THE
NECESSITY FOR A STRONG AMERICA, AND SECOND, FOR A FRIENDLY
AMERICA, AND THIRD, FOR AN AMERICA THAT WILL ALWAYS TRY TO
PUT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS AHEAD OF AGGRESSION."

VOICE:

ON THE OTHER HAND, SENATOR SCOTT CONCEDED THAT THE LANGUAGE
CONCERNING ASIAN POLICY MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR A PRESIDENT
PURSUING CURRENT LINES OF DIPLOMACY. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
PLATFORM GOES FURTHER THAN THE DEMOCRATIC POLICY STATEMENT
IN PROPOSING AND DEFINING RELATIONS WITH CHINA. THE DEMOCRATS,
REFERRING TO JAPAN AS THE "CORNERSTONE" OF AMERICA'S ASIAN

POLICY, SAID SIMPLY THAT AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH CHINA "SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ON PEACEFUL LINES, INCLUDING EARLY MOVEMENT TOWARD NORMALIZING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE FUTURE OF TAIWAN." THE REPUBLICANS IN THEIR PLATFORM STATEMENT, SAID FRIENDSHIP WITH JAPAN IS THE "PILLAR" OF AMERICAN ASIAN POLICY, AND SAID THIS ABOUT CHINA: "THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CAN AND WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. WE SHALL SEEK TO ENGAGE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN AN EXPANDED NETWORK OF CONTACTS AND TRADE. SUCH A PROCESS CANNOT REALISTICALLY PROCEED IN A FORCED OR INCAUTIOUS PACE; THE MEASURED BUT STEADY GROWTH OF OUR RELATIONS BEST SERVES OUR INTERESTS. WE DO NOT IGNORE THE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES IN OUR RESPECTIVE PHILOSOPHIES, GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS, POLICIES AND VIEWS ON INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE. WHAT IS TRULY FUNDAMENTAL IS THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED REGULAR WORKING CHANNELS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND THAT THIS PROCESS CAN FORM AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE."

THEN, WITH AN EYE TO THE SOVIET UNION AS WELL AS TO TAIWAN, THE POLICY STATEMENT GOES ON TO MENTION TAIWAN IN A REFLECTION OF PREFERENCES OF THE REAGAN FACTION AT THE CONVENTION:

"OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ONE GREAT POWER SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A CHALLENGE TO ANY OTHER NATION, LARGE OR SMALL. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WHILE ENGAGED IN THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF OUR FRIEND AND ALLY, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND ITS SIXTEEN

MILLION PEOPLE. THE UNITED STATES WILL FULFILL AND KEEP ITS COMMITMENTS, SUCH AS THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

SENATOR SCOTT, WHO IS SOMETHING OF AN AUTHORITY ON CHINESE ART AND WHO HAS LONG HELD STRONG INTEREST IN AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THAT COUNTRY, TOLD VOA REPORTER MARK WILLEN THAT THAT LANGUAGE "MAY MAKE THE TASK OF THE PRESIDENT MORE DIFFICULT," BUT THAT IT WAS AN HONEST COMPROMISE AMONG PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT OPINIONS. THIS WAS HIS GENERAL VIEW OF THE CHINESE FACTOR IN PRESENT REPUBLICAN PARTY THINKING:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- SCOTT

"WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN. I HAVE JUST MADE A REPORT TO THE SENATE IN WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN OF THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE ON THE MAINLAND, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ALSO TO BE FRIENDS WITH US. I HAVE MADE THE POINT THAT THE OPENING OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH, AND WOULD FURTHER THEIR SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS. WE RECOGNIZE IT'S AN INTERNAL MATTER WITH BOTH COUNTRIES. WE HAVE SENT MILITARY AID TO TAIWAN AND WE CONTINUE TO SEND IT, AND I'M SURE THAT WE WILL, PENDING SOLUTIONS ENVISIONED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE."

ANNCR:

SENATOR HUGH SCOTT OF PENNSYLVANIA, A FORD SUPPORTER AT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION AND A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE THAT DREW UP THE FOREIGN POLICY PORTION OF THE PARTY POLICY STATEMENT ADOPTED WEDNESDAY. HE SPOKE TO VOA'S MARK WILLEN ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR.

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